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SUBJ: UNHCR REQUEST FOR SCHOOL FUNDING FOR ZAPU REFUGEES

1. LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE HAS APPROACHED US REGARDING APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTER AND SCHOOL FOR ZAPU REFUGEE CHILDREN. PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE CLASSROOMS AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR APPROXIMATELY 3,000 CHILDREN WHO ARE ALREADY LOCATED IN ZAMBIA. ORIGINALLY COST WAS PROJECTED TO BE ABOUT (1.9 MILLION, BUT UNHCR IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO PURCHASE SITE WHICH ALREADY HAS A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER FACILITIES, AND WHICH THEREFORE WOULD REDUCE COSTS SUBSTANTIALLY. ACCORDING TO UNHCR REP, THE WEST GERMANS HAVE PLEDGED \$450,000.

2. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR THE CHILDREN, WHO RANGE IN AGE FROM ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD TO EIGHTEEN (THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE OLDER CHILDREN ARE FEMALE). THE UNHCR REP'S DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT CONDITIONS IS GRIM, AND THE SITUATION WILL BECOME WORSE WITH THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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3. THE SCHOOL PROJECT WILL BE LIKELY TO HAVE LONG-TERM USEFULNESS. EVEN IF THE RHODESIAN QUESTION IS SETTLED RAPIDLY, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE STUDENTS COULD BE REPATRIATED AS THEY ALL HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. IF THE MILITARY SITUATION DETERIORATES, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF YOUNG REFUGEES,

AND A FACILITY OF THIS TYPE WILL BE NEEDED EVEN MORE. IN THE LONGER TERM, THE SCHOOL AND ITS FACILITIES COULD, OF COURSE, BE USED BY THE ZAMBIANS FOR THEIR OWN EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

4. THE PROJECT WAS PRESENTED TO THE UNHCR BY ZAPU LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO, AND IT HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS TAKEN A PERSONAL INTEREST IN IT AND IS URGING RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT. WE BELIEVE THAT FOR HUMANITARIAN AS WELL AS POLITICAL REASONS, THE U.S. SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO MAKING A PROMPT CONTRIBUTION, FROM FUNDS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES.

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